

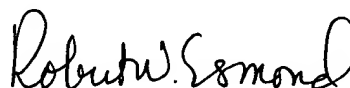
Remarks

Accordingly, the present amendments do not add new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-21 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 9 and 15 being the independent claims.

It is believed that the present application is in condition for immediate examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Specification:

In the specification at page 1, line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

The present application is a Continuation In Part of a U.S. National Phase PCT/GB00/00624 Application filed on February 22, 2001 (International Filing Date of February 22, 2000), and published in English on August 31, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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